GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION FOR NATIONAL HIGHWAYS PROJECTS
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation for the National Highways projects has been declining in each and every plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to hike the budgetary allocation for the National Highway projects;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) the amount allocated to the West Bengal during the last three years for the purpose and allocated for 2000-2001?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The allocation for NH Projects has been steadily declining as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)This has happened due to pressing demands from other Sectors.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. The plan allocation for the year 2000-2001 is proposed to be hiked to Rs. 2506 crores against Rs. 2163 crores for the year 1999-2000.

(e) : The amount allocated during the last three years in West Bengal is as under:-

Development of National Highways (Rs. in lakhs)

1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000
5375.00	150.94	5138.02

Maintenance and Repairs (Rs. in lakhs)

1997-98	1998-1999	1999-2000
3264.94	2757.83	3700.00

Also allocated an additional amount of Rs. 2560 lakhs under special repairs programme. Budget for the year 2000-2001 has not been passed by the Parliament.